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1. (Currently Amended) A crown molding member, which is useful to trim a corner defined where a vertical wall and a horizontal ceiling meet,

the crown molding member having a planar portion, which extends along the horizontal ceiling when the crown molding member is installed in a first mode and which extends along the vertical wall when the crown molding member is installed in a second mode,

the planar portion having a proximal edge, the planar portion having a distal edge, which is spaced from the proximal edge of the planar portion,

the crown molding member having an intermediate portion, which adjoins the distal edge of the planar portion at a distal edge of the intermediate portion, the intermediate portion having a proximal edge, which is spaced from the distal edge of the intermediate portion,

the crown molding member having a mounting flange, which adjoins the proximal edge of the intermediate strip at an adjoining edge of the mounting flange, which extends along the vertical wall, ~~away from the horizontal ceiling,~~ when the crown molding member is installed in the first mode and which extends along the horizontal ceiling, ~~away from the vertical wall,~~ when the crown molding member is installed in the second mode.

2. (Original) The crown molding member of claim 1 having an additional flange, which adjoins the proximal edge of the planar portion at an adjoining edge of the additional flange, which extends along the vertical wall, toward the mounting flange, when the crown molding member is installed in the first mode

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and which extends along the horizontal ceiling, toward the mounting flange, when the crown molding member is installed in the second mode.

3. (Original) The crown molding member of claim 1 having a flexible fin, which projects from the planar portion, near the distal edge of the planar portion, which bears against the horizontal ceiling when the crown molding member is installed in the first mode, and which bears against the vertical wall when the crown molding member is installed in the second mode.

4. (Original) The crown molding member of claim 1, 2, or 3, wherein the mounting flange has an array of apertures.

5. (Original) The crown molding member of claim 4, as installed in the first mode so as to trim a corner defined where a vertical wall and a horizontal ceiling meet, wherein drywall-finishing material is applied to the mounting flange so that some of the applied material is pressed through at least some of the apertures, against the vertical wall.

6. (Original) The crown molding member of claim 4, as installed in the second mode so as to trim a corner defined where a vertical wall and a horizontal ceiling meet, wherein drywall-finishing material is applied to the mounting flange so that some of the applied material is pressed through at least some of the apertures, against the horizontal ceiling.

7. (Previously Presented) The crown molding member of claim 1, 2, or 3, wherein the proximal edge of the planar portion is proximal to the vertical wall when the crown molding member is installed in the first mode and wherein the proximal edge of the planar portion is proximal to the horizontal ceiling when the crown molding member is installed in the second mode.

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8. (Previously Presented) The crown molding member of claim 5, wherein the planar portion is attached to the horizontal ceiling.

9. (Previously Presented) The crown molding member of claim 7, wherein the mounting flange is attached to the vertical wall by means besides the applied material.

10. (Previously Presented) The crown molding member of claim 6, wherein the planar portion is attached to the vertical wall.

11. (Previously Presented) The crown molding member of claim 9, wherein the mounting flange is attached to the horizontal ceiling by means besides the applied material.

12. (Previously Presented) The crown molding member of claim 1, which has a generally uniform thickness, except that the crown molding member is thinner where the distal edge of the intermediate portion adjoins the distal edge of the planar portion, whereby to form a hinge where the crown molding member is thinner.

13. (Previously Presented) The crown molding member of claim 12, as installed in the first mode, wherein the planar portion is attached to the horizontal ceiling by mechanical fasteners.

14. (Previously Presented) The crown molding member of claim 13, wherein a caulk bead is applied where the hinge is formed.

15. (Previously Presented) The crown molding member of claim 12, as installed in the second, wherein the planar portion is attached to the vertical wall by mechanical fasteners.

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16. (Previously Presented) The crown molding member of claim 15,
wherein a caulk bead is applied where the hinge is formed.

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